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ESIP Federation Elects 6 New Partners

September 1, 2005—The Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (“Federation”) has elected six new partners for full membership. The following projects and company represent the latest class of Federation members:

- *The Invasive Species Data Service: Towards Operational Use of Earth Science Data in the USGS Invasive Species Decision Support System*, John Schnase, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland
- *Sensor to User - Applying NASA/EOS Data to Coastal Zone Management Applications Developed from Integrated Analyses*, Erick Malaret, Applied Coherent Technology, Herndon, Virginia
- *Development and Maintenance of An Ocean Color Time Series*, Watson Gregg, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland
- *Detection and Evaluation of Change in Glacier Systems Using the GLIMS Database*, Richard Armstrong, National Snow and Ice Data Center, Boulder, Colorado
- *A Geospatial Extension to the NASA Information Power Grid*, Rod Bordeaux, Sinte Gleska University, Mission, South Dakota
- *Itri Corporation*, Jim Etro, Springfield, Virginia

“The Federation’s growth during the past few years has been phenomenal,” says Dr. Thomas Yunck, Federation President. “Together, Federation partners leverage expertise across science, technology and education to create new products and services for people who care about exploring and protecting Earth. Broadly speaking, the Federation seeks to promote a deeper understanding of Earth’s behavior which will result in informed decisions about our planet.” The Federation now numbers 83 partners representing a wide range of Earth science data interests. Federation partners include science data centers, environmental research groups, innovators in the application of environmental data, educators and technologists. Across these diverse interests, public, private and non-profit organizations are represented.

The Federation is a consortium of Earth science data centers, researchers, scientists, technologists, educators, and applications developers. The Federation promotes increased accessibility, interoperability and usability for Earth science data and derivative products. Initiated by NASA in 1997, the Federation provides data, products and services to decision makers and researchers in public and private settings. The Foundation for Earth Science provides administrative and staff support to the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners.

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